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The elerks in this unique establishment take as much pleasure in showing their goods as a salesman in any large dry goods store. One of them showed the writer over the place the other day and chatted merrily of his peculiar wars.

"Everyone" he sale, "is familiar with the policeman's ordinary night stick or icenst. It is twenty-six linches in length. The day clubs are not quite so serviceable, but they are much hardsomer. They are made in rose-wood, iron-wood and ebony, and are twenty two linches in length. The day clubs are not quite so serviceable, but they are much hardsomer. They are made in rose-wood, iron-wood and ebony, and are twenty two linches in length. The chilars to two dollars, and the cord and insaed will cost seventy-five cents more. Of course, those carried by the exegents and captains are much nore expensive, varying from \$5 to \$20 each. There have been two improvements recently made in clubs, one of which consists of fluting the handle and the other of having the handle and the other of having the handle and the other of having the handle and the officer. This is accomplished in the fluted club by longitudinal grooves cut in the calle just where the hand of the officer's hand. The seviet accomplishes in the same object by allowing the body of the club to revolve.

"Here," he constituted, taking up a rather peculiar looking club, "is what is known as a humana club. It is made of sole leather cut in the required forms and brought together under heavy pressure over elastic stent spring wires, essented and rivected and covered with the same material, securing a perfect service which is alightly elastic. To form the handle a cover is neatly bradded over the smaller end. The weapon is flexible, but can effective

"Nippers, or 'come-a-longs,' are among the most useful tools in an officer's outfit. They are designed to clasp around the wrist of a refractory prisoner and enable the officer to subdue him or break his wrist in the effort. The steel nippers most commonly used are the invention of the late Sergeant, W. G. Phillips, who was connected with the New York Police Department for over travier years. They HENRY J. STITES.

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AREA SOUNCE WITH The New York Police Properties for over twelve years. They are in the form of calipers where they grasp the wrist of the prisoner, but the familie is provided with a cross-bar which enables the officer with one turn of his wrist to bring the strongest rufflan to his knees. Another form of the same useful



carefully weeded wire chain of great atrength.

"There is quite a variety in hand-cuffs," he continued, as he opened a large show case where in polished steel and dazaling nickel hundreds of these bracelets glittered. "The old style hand-cuffing was a poor thing at best and where the prisoner's hands were small and easily compressed into the same size as the wrist, there was little trouble in getting out of them. The modern outf is made to fit any wrist, the steel how passing through the lock being a ratchet allowing the cuff to be closed as tight as desired, but locased only when unlocked."

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On the north side of Brooms street, below Broadway, in New York city, is a simple swing sign referring to the fact that there is a hardware firm on the first safety. But it is a very peculiar hardware firm, indeed.

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MENDING SMASHED HATS

suggest. A prisoner with an Oregon boot, however, may be safely trusted not to run far.

"Police whistles used by officers for calling assistance are quite expensive, the commonest kind selling for half a dellar. These whistles have a peculiar tone and can be heard for a great distance on a still night. Unfortunately, the tone can be initiated and since the pattent on the criginal whistle ran out a number of them have been sold to private parties, and in some cities they have been used by practical jokers to the annoyance and disgust of the pioles officers. So far did the abuse extend in San cover from such an indigalty. But it is in the possession of recuperative qualities that the high hat of to-day especially excels. You see, the foundation of the crown is made from Manchester, England, where it is exhere, but have never succeeded in mak-ing any which can compare with the English product. The chief necessary quality of this fabric is that it is porous enough to absorb shellne in just

"Yes, shellae, in which the muslis

is first soaked, then wrung out and stretched upon frames to dry. The shellac is what gives the material its initial stiffness and makes it easy to work under the influence of heat The crown is formed upon a hat block around which the sheline-sonked nuslin is wound, after being cut into scoper shape, the edges being stuck together by the application of a hot iron. The top is made of the same cloth and where its edge joins with the edge of the crown an additional Francisco that a special law had to be passed making it an offense for a citizen to sound a police whistle except to summer mon needed assistance. The best police whistle is that known as the 'unique' Like whistle is that known as the 'unique' Like whistle of the ratifesnake, once heard its sound will never be mistaken.

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"How many customers for these things have you?" remarked the writer as he glanced around on the rather outre collection of tools of the thelf-taker that surrounded kim on every ride.

"It is hard to give a good idea. We surpply 500 distinct police departments in the United States and Canada alone, not to speak of United States marshals and sheriffs and deputy sheriffs from Maine to Mexico."

"I presume that you must have a rushing trade in clubs, nippers and twisters in the frontier States where efficers have so frequently to encounter desperate characters?"

the frontier States where difficers have so a frequently to encounter desperate characters?"

Well, the reverse is the case. We have little or no call from officers on the frontier for anything outside of handcuffs, shackles, leg frous, Oregon boots and ball and chains. Frontier officers never do any fooling with a refractory prisoner. If he attempts any resistance he is beaten to were the head with a six-shooter until he is insensible, at the vary least, if he is intensible, at the vary least, if he is littley enough to escape being shot dead. In large cities it is saidom an officer uses his pistol except upon a prisoner who has attempted to give leg ball. Then he is just as likely it hit a bytander as the fagility. Our policemen should practice with their pistols until they become good shots if only out of regard for the life of the ordinary citizens exposed by wild shooting in the public streets.

"The ordinary police revolver used by officers in New York, and our other large cities, is of 38-calibre. It is carried in a rubber pocket pistol case which protects the pistol thoroughly against rust from perspiration, prevents it from wearing through the pocket and permits its instant withdrawal for use without catching the hammer in the clothing. The further you get away from the great cities the larger becomes the calibre double-action Colv'sin Kansas Cliy wanta a 44, when he reached by officers. The man who is satisfied to trust to a 4-calibratic of the residency of the action, and probably of the action, and probab

DAVID WRCHELER. Is engendered by the modern system of competitive examination is to some extent counteracted by athletics. In the examination the individual wins, cases out of ten, either affectation or not the class; in the cricket club cloven the result of mental disease. It is said wins, though one individual may make modern cuff is made to fit any wrist, the steel bow passing through the lock being a ratchet allowing the cuff to be closed as tight as desired, but locesced only when unlocked."

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"Well, very seldem. An old time expert it left alone with one hand may pick the lock on the cuff of the other. Here is a form a furf to prevent this. You see between the cuff in the ordinary link is a steel bar about twelve inches long which effectually keeps the hands apart. Bouetime ago gatting out of handcuffs was a common 'manifectation' with so-called spiritual mediums. The trick was done by introducing a piece of quill shaved down fine between the ranchet and the both. By striking a number of hiew with the steel bow of the cuff against some hard substance, the boil is made to jump the ratchets sufficiently to free the hands. This, however, we have got over by means of a double lock which is warranted to defy the efforts or the spiritual friends of Madams Dis Debar herself.
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